

Would Censor Isaiah.
Alcohol and the Widower.
Happy Bonfils-Tammen.
That Wretched "Farm Bloc."

By ARTHUR BRISBANE
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Judge Ben Lindsay, of Denver, as good a friend as the women and children of a city ever had, took a good brain to the bench and continued using it after he got there. In New York yesterday he described the prevailing idiotic mania for censorship well.

"Censorship will weaken moral character, preventing its development, by taking from youth the responsibility of choosing the right path, and from parents the directing of children."

Judge Lindsay comes in contact with hundreds of girls and hears their sad stories. He knows that the real troubles of youth are not reached by superficial censorship.

The duty of police and courts to punish indecency, flagrant immorality, and incentives to either is plain. And it should remain the duty of police and courts. Enlightening and amusing is some work of highly intellectual censors that read and change moving pictures. For instance, in Philadelphia, the censors saw a picture, "All for a Woman," dealing with the French Revolution. Danton makes a fool of himself and a sub-title reads, "He Who Neglects His Duty to the State to Revel With Wantons Is an Enemy of the People." The order of the censor reads: "Eliminate the word 'wantons' from the sub-title."

Isn't that deliciously "pure?" How fortunate for Timothy, Isaiah, and the plain-spoken James, brother of Jesus, that they died before the censor arrived. Timothy wrote:

"But younger widows refuse: For when they have waxed wanton against Christ they desire to marry."

James wrote:

"Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth and been wanton."

Magnificent old Isaiah tells you that the Lord himself used the word that pure Philadelphia censors forbid. Read the sixteenth verse, third chapter—and by the way, read all Isaiah, if only to improve your English, before the censors get at it.

"Moreover, the Lord said: Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet."

What would the pure censors do to that beautiful verse?

The whole censorship nonsense will prove whether or not Americans are, mentally, vertebrates or jellyfish.

In Paris they feed chickens, and in Strasburg geese, by stuffing food down their necks. Are we to take our morality in that fashion?

Chicago always tells the news dramatically. "Moonshine struck fifty Christmas celebrators, according to yesterday's diagnosis in the county hospital." That record was never equaled before prohibition. And in addition to being drunk and poisoned the fifty Chicago patients "are suffering from cuts and other injuries of a serious character, sustained in frenzied fights."

A said widower, congratulated on his fine display of grief, said:

"That's nothing; you ought to have seen me at the grave."

King Alcohol can say of the old days, "They were nothing; you ought to see me under prohibition."

H. H. Tammen, and his mental twin, Bonfils, run the Denver Post, and make it pay. Mr. Tammen and his wife have just given a hundred thousand dollars to build a new wing for contagious and orthopedic diseases on the Children's Hospital.

That's a good way to invest profits; you can't lose your money.

Tammen-Bonfils will understand the Tammen-Bonfils prosperity when they hear that for the last four years Tammen and Bonfils have had a paper contract at 2.75—and they have an option on a five-year extension. Happy Tammen-Bonfils.

Old-style Republicans are much disturbed by the "farm bloc" made up of Senators who seem to think that farmers, fruit growers, millions that develop the earth's wealth, really amount to something, and that when they go bankrupt and use their corn for fuel it is almost as important as when Newport owners of railroad stocks find their dividends reduced.

Old-fashioned Republicans cannot stand such nonsense and talk about "treating the farm bloc out of the Republican party." It would be a step justified, perhaps. But if farmers went out of the Republican party at the same time, the Republican party might miss them. The best thing for old-fashioned Republicans to do is to take their minds off corporations for a few minutes and see if they can do something for the farmers and other small-sized people that gave the Republican party its 7,000,000 plurality a year ago.

Fair and much colder to night and Friday. Lowest temperature about 23 degrees. West to strong northwest winds, diminishing by Friday. Temperature at 8 a. m., 36 degrees.

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MAIN NEWS CALLS THE TIMES

THREE CENTS EVERYWHERE.

M'CORMICK EXPECTED TO WED WALSKA

Governor Must Be Tried For Embezzlement

SMALL TO GO BEFORE ILL. COURT ON JAN. 9

Motions to Quash All Indictments Overruled—Accomplices Included.

By International News Service.
WAUKEGAN, Ill., Dec. 29.—Gov. Len Small will have to stand trial, Judge Claire C. Edwards, of the circuit court, announced this afternoon in ruling on motions of the governor's counsel to quash indictments charging him with conspiracy and embezzlement.

Date of the trial was set for Monday, January 9, at 9:30 a. m.

Embezzlement charged. The defense, at a preliminary hearing, had asked the court to quash both indictments against the governor and co-defendants on the ground that they were illegal, not specific, and improperly drawn. The judge was asked to throw the entire case out of court.

The indictments charged Governor Small and co-defendants with the embezzlement of interest on State funds. Judge Edwards overruled the motion to quash each and every count in indictment.

He sustained, however, the motion to quash the indictments in "the people vs. Fred E. Sterling, Len Small, and Vernon Curtis"—No. 1139.

Sterling was a former State treasurer and is now lieutenant governor. Curtis is a banker of Grant Park.

Judge Edwards overruled the motion to quash the conspiracy indictment against Small, Sterling, and Curtis "as to counts one, four, five, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, and twelve," and sustained the motion to quash as to counts, two, three, six, and thirteen.

Sets an Early Trial Date. In announcing the decision, Judge Edwards declared that the case is of the greatest importance to the people of Illinois—that "anything now pending on the docket of this court sinks into insignificance in comparison"—and accordingly set an early date for trial "without considering the wishes of counsel for either side."

Judge Edwards, at the opening of his decision, reviewed the contentions of the defense as to why the case should be thrown out of court. The defense had contended:

That the Sangamon county board of supervisors which selected in March, 1921, the grand jury which indicted Governor Small and co-defendants was never legally organized.

That the so-called "special report" by the grand jury after returning the indictments was "prejudicial" to the defendants.

That the rule of secrecy was violated.

Judge Edwards found that there was a "substantial compliance with the statute by the board of supervisors of Sangamon county, and that the grand jury was a legal grand jury."

In regard to the "special report" of the grand jury, which was published in the newspapers and which the defense contended was "prejudicial," the judge said the effect of a report such as this had never been passed upon by a court of review in the State of Illinois and presented an interesting question for the consideration of the court.

Judge Scores Clerk. "There is evidence in this record that representatives of the press were informed the day before the grand jury reported that there would be something out of the ordinary procedure for them," Judge Edwards said.

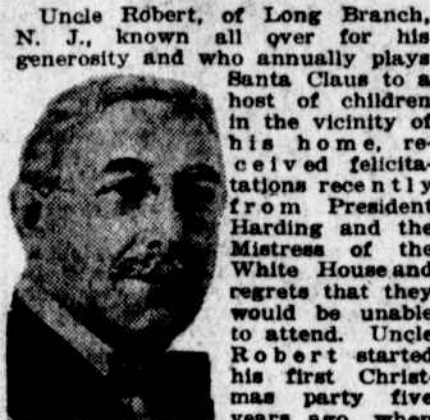
Charles W. Byers, county clerk of Sangamon county, was roundly scored by the judge.

"From the evidence produced in this court," Judge Edwards said, "the court makes the following findings of fact:

"That an alleged special meeting of the said board of supervisors was held in April, 1920, at which the board organized by electing a chairman and interalia appointed a 'committee on jurors.'"

"That said special meeting was not called pursuant to the statute in that the county clerk did not cause the publication as provided by law. That there was regular plurality a year ago."

Harding Congratulates Uncle Robert, Alias Santa Claus



Uncle Robert, of Long Branch, N. J., known all over for his generosity and who annually plays Santa Claus to a host of children in the vicinity of his home, received felicitations recently from President Harding and the Mistress of the White House and regrets that they would be unable to attend. Uncle Robert started his first Christmas party five years ago, when he entertained fifteen children at his Long Beach home. This Christmas he entertained 1,500 children at his Long Branch home. The children were given gifts such as bats and balls for the boys and innumerable dolls for the girls. Entertainment and good things to eat were there, and in the evening a motion picture show was given. In all, it was a great day for the little ones, and Uncle Robert, who makes other people happy whenever he can, said he enjoyed himself immensely.

PARLEY FLAYED BY SEN. KING AS COLLOSAL FAKE

Sweeping Indictment of Empty Success Comes From Democratic Ranks.

By J. BART CAMPBELL, International News Service.

A sweeping indictment of the whole armament conference for what was described as "its monumental failures" came today from the Democratic side of the Senate.

The attack was launched by Senator William H. King of Utah, and was the first general assault on the conference from the Democratic side other than that made by Senator Reed of Missouri.

In a formal statement Senator King said that, "judging the conference by what it has developed so far, it is in grave danger of attaining fame in history for its monumental failures, rather than for its monumental achievements."

Senator King's attack on the conference works created wide interest in the Senate, where there was speculation as to whether it constituted the opening gun in a general Democratic assault.

Republican leaders, however, declared they were "not at all alarmed" by the criticism, and predicted that the "monumental achievements of the conference would be endorsed by the whole Senate."

The Indictment. Senator King's statement said:

"From what we have been able to learn from the secret sessions of the conference, it is evident that it must justify and rightly be charged with:

"Failure to limit land armament."

"Failure to stop absolutely capital ship construction under the so-called ten year naval holiday program, because of modification of and departure from Mr. Hughes' original proposal."

"Failure to provide that money saved by scrapping, or stopping the construction of certain capital ships shall NOT be expended on other war craft."

"Failure to place any limit on the

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COMPLETE WORDS AND MUSIC
—OF—
"HELLO MR. NEW YEAR"
Written By
A. GAMSE
Will Be Given Away With
The Washington Times
Sunday Morning.
This is a rattling good song and dance number which will be as timely as the word itself.
If you are going to watch the old year out and the new year in at a party, you should buy the early edition of Sunday's Super-Newspaper and get this song which will be especially appropriate for greeting 1922.

NEW ARMS PARLEY SQUELCHED

U.S. RIGHTS HARVESTER IN MEXICO KING MAY HOLD SAFE WEB DIVA

Obregon Doubly Anxious to Safeguard American Interests.

By OTHEMAN STEVENS, (Copyright, 1921, by Universal Service, Inc.)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 29.—Secretary for Foreign Affairs Alberto J. Pani is a man of continued high position in Mexican governmental affairs. He has charge of Mexico's relations with the rest of the world. His utterances on the question of recognition by the United States, therefore, have a deep significance and value in the present situation. Wants Mexican Position Understood.

It is a remarkable thing for a minister to express for publication sentiment about such a delicate question. That Secretary Pani does this is due to his intense desire to give the American people, whom he knows by many visits to our country, an understanding of Mexico's position.

In reply to questions, this is Secretary's Pani's statements:

"The fact that recognition is pending on a settlement is a serious handicap on business activity between the two countries. The Mexican government has official information which shows that a very great number of large enterprises and transactions are marking time until the decision on recognition is known.

Great Investment Sum Held Up, Too. "I can further say that a very great sum of money in the aggregate, which is intended will be invested in this country is being held up on the same account.

"That these transactions and investments would be of incalculable benefit to both countries is a certainty. We feel that these facts are also known to your government, and that doubtless they are being taken into account by your State Department in the consideration given by it to the recognition question."

When the Secretary was asked as to the attitude of his government toward recognition he replied that he could best answer that in the words of the President. He reached for a book containing President Obregon's address to Congress on that subject.

"My understanding is that those words reflect the attitude of our government," he said. And then he read:

"Our Government is as much concerned about the protection of American interests in Mexico, considering such protection as one of its strong duties toward the people of that country."

"Not only on account of the material bonds created by her geographic vicinity, but also on account of the moral ones still stronger, of our sympathy toward her democratic institutions and the high qualities of her people."

Both Nations in Accord. "Both Governments are therefore in accord on this purpose. And in order to cooperate more efficiently in the attainment of that purpose, that is to say, to cooperate in such a form that each shall be able to give credit to the Mexican Government and enable it to perform its duties of protection, being at the same time a reason for a better future understanding between both countries, the Mexican Government has preferred to substitute for the easy method of making pledges which might be humiliating, the natural development of its political and administrative plan."

"And it means to follow the same path until the field is considered sufficiently free from obstacles to reach a settlement on the matter of recognition along lines that will not detract from Mexican national dignity and sovereignty and will enable the Mexican Government to enter into and close on an equal level as many treaties as are considered necessary for the better cordiality of the renewed diplomatic relations."

It is recognized here that a strong combination exists in the United States of financial and oil interests which for some selfish purpose seek to prevent

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M'CORMICK TO MARRY THIS LADY, IT IS SAID



Grand opera star, who is said to have been the real reason for the McCormick divorce, and who will be the harvester king's new wife—according to rumor—as soon as she has gotten rid of her own unwanted husband, Alexander Smith Cochran.

LLOYD GEORGE WARNING MAY HELP RATIFICATION

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Premier Lloyd George's statement that the Irish peace treaty must be ratified by Dail Eireann in its original form and that England will make no further concessions to the Sinn Fein was interpreted today as a direct warning to Eamon de Valera.

De Valera, who is leading the fight against ratification of the pact, had announced that when Dail Eireann reconvenes on January 3, he would introduce counter peace proposals which would revise the treaty entirely.

Supporters of the pact, led by Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith are expected to make capital out of the premier's statement which will assist them when deliberations on the treaty are renewed next month.

In the meantime Sinn Fein organizations throughout South Ireland continue to adopt resolutions in favor of ratification.

MAN SLAYS AND BURIES WIFE, THEN TELLS POLICE

PERU, Ind., Dec. 29.—Joseph Filtrcraft, forty-five years old, murdered his wife, Margaret, forty years old, and buried her under the house last Sunday afternoon. Monday he called on Chief of Police Albert Potter and informed him that she had disappeared.

Filtrcraft acted suspiciously and Potter advised the men of his department to watch him. This afternoon Filtrcraft was arrested and after a two hours' grilling he confessed that he had killed her.

When the almost nude body was unearthed this afternoon it was found that the woman's hands had been tied together and her skull crushed. Filtrcraft would give no reason why he had murdered the woman.

ITALY'S PRINCESS YOLANDA RUMORED TO WED WALES

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Following official denial that a marriage is to be arranged between Princess Yolanda, of Italy, and the Duke of Brabant, Crown Prince of Belgium, a report is current that the engagement of the Princess to the Prince of Wales shortly will be announced, said a Turin dispatch to L'intransigeant today.

ALL HOPE OF NATIONS AGREEING SEEN LOST

French Demands and British Insistence on Building Auxiliary Force Blast Conference.

By International News Service.

The possibility of new European alliances growing out of France's determination to build up a great fleet of submarines and auxiliary naval craft already is envisaged here by European statesmen, it was disclosed today in conference quarters.

By International News Service.

Prospects of another limitation of armament conference being called to consolidate the accomplishments of the present conference, and possibly to renew attempts at submarine limitation, began to fade rapidly today following a visit to the White House by Secretary of State Hughes.

The President and Secretary Hughes held a long conversation over the armament conference developments, and the failure of the meeting to limit the submarine and auxiliary craft ratios of the big naval powers.

See Little In Secret Parley.

Following the visit of Secretary Hughes to the White House, it was learned that the Administration holds the view that little could be accomplished having a second conference immediately follow the present one.

The only excuse for such a conference, it was said, would be the adoption by the powers here of the program of rules which Elihu Root has proposed for the future governing of submarines in warfare.

If the powers agree to the restrictions on submarine uses, as proposed by the American delegation, then it was stated, the other powers of the world maintaining submarine fleets would be asked to subscribe to them.

But even this, it was pointed out, would hardly warrant the summoning of another conference, as the matter could be handled through exchanges of notes.

Little Hope for Agreement.

It is the view of Administration leaders that the present time offers little or no hope of arriving at any agreement concerning auxiliary craft, other than what already has been accomplished in Washington.

France's adamant position on submarines and Great Britain's equally positive intention of building auxiliary craft to meet the French submarine "menace" definitely preclude any agreement, and thus, Administration officials believe, it would be worse than useless to call another conference to follow immediately this one.

It is virtually certain, however, that another conference will be held seven or eight years hence—near the end of the expiration of the ten-year agreement on capital ships. This is the view held by the British delegation and shared by the Americans.

Sees Antisocialities Fading.

Seven or eight years hence the powers will be confronted with the necessity of renewing the present agreement, or allowing it to lapse. By that time, officials believe, the antisocialities that have arisen in the present conference will have begun to fade, and conditions on the whole will be more propitious for the attempt to limit all classes of naval fighting craft, which has now failed so far as the present conference is concerned.

Parley Clash Jolts Entente Cordiale of France and England

By GEORGE R. HOLMES, International News Service.

The plans for a ten-year naval holiday having been consigned to the international scrap-heap along with the old capital ships of the world's great navies, the delegates to the arms conference met again today to